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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service in the China Mail)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NINTH EMPIRE CONGRESS OPENED IN TORONTO.

LONDON, September 21.

The ninth congress of the chamber of commerce of the Empire has begun its sittings in Toronto under the presidency of Lord Desborough. The delegates present are from many parts. The Congress decided upon the establishment of a permanent bureau to standardize information on the Dominions' and colonial methods of valuing imports and exports.

STRIKE MEETING.

GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS A FAILURE?

ATTITUDE OF OTHER UNIONS.

LONDON, September 21.

The brief official report of the miners' conference is obscure but is understood to mean that the conference endorsed the executive's strike programme. Delegates of the Railwaysmen's Union held a prolonged conference to consider the threatened miners' strike but no statement regarding its decisions was issued.

A special general council meeting of the National Federation of Transport Workers, after an exhaustive discussion, unanimously passed a resolution endorsing the executive committee's action in expressing approval of the right and justice of the miners' claim and authorising the continuation of consultations through the Triple Alliance. The meeting also instructed the executive committee to recall special council meeting to report and recommend any action they might deem advisable.

A STRIKE INEVITABLE?

LONDON, September 21.

The Miners' Conference approved the executive committee's report.

LONDON, September 21.

It is stated that Mr. Smillie has informed the national conference of miners' delegates in London to-day that the executive council decided that nothing had emerged during the negotiations with the Government justifying the prevention of a strike on September 23.

THE HOMELESS IN SWEDEN.

STOCKHOLM, September 21.

Owing to the great shortage of houses thousands are homeless and are taking refuge in old schools and workhouses.

BELGIAN ROYALTY WELCOMED.

RIO JANEIRO, September 20.

The King and Queen of Belgium arrived and received a cordial welcome.

EUROPEAN PEACE.

AN ESSENTIAL ENTENTE.

LONDON, September 21.

A *Hawas* message states that answering M. Millerand and Signor Giolitti, who sent a joint telegram at the conclusion of the Aix les Bains Conference, Mr. Lloyd George wired stating that he shares absolutely the conviction that the most intimate entente between France, Italy, and Great Britain is essential for the settlement of European problems and the maintenance of peace.

NIGHT OF TERROR.

REFUGEES FLEEING FROM IRISH VILLAGE.

TWO CIVILIANS KILLED.

LONDON, September 21.

Men, women, and children wheeling their belongings in prams are fleeing from the seaside village of Balbriggan, the famous hosiery centre, in consequence of serious disturbances throughout the night arising out of the shooting of Head Constable Burke. It is alleged that auxiliary police took reprisals and subjected the village to a night of terror, and burned down an extensive new factory, incidentally belonging to an English firm, and destroyed a whole street inhabited by working folk. Two civilians were killed and several wounded, including some refugees with bleeding hands and faces from flying glass and debris.

THIRTY HOUSES AND SHOPS BURNED.

Altogether about 30 houses and shops besides a factory were burned at Balbriggan last night. Fresh police drove through the town in lorries this afternoon discharging their rifles and throwing bombs but there were no casualties.

JOINED TO BELGIUM.

OVERWHELMING PLEBISCITE VOTE AGAINST GERMANY.

LONDON, September 21.

The *Times* correspondent at Brussels reports that Nazis are flying from the public buildings in the territories of Eupen and Malmedy. In celebration of the decision of the Council of the League of Nations to place them under Belgian sovereignty, The Belgian Prime Minister has issued a proclamation of welcome. Eupen and Malmedy were renounced by Germany to Belgium under the Peace Treaty, subject to confirmation by plebiscite. From 35,000 inhabitants only 250 voted preference to German rule.

THE DOLLAR.

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

THE RUSSIAN LEGATION.

A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

[BY COURTESY "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

PEKING, Sept. 22.

China is at present faced with a difficult problem in relation to the Russian legation. Prince Koudachef, who formerly expressed a desire to save China from embarrassment in connection with his position, declines to close down the legation. China is, therefore, forced to consider other measures, having for their object the cessation of the present Russian Legation functioning. China hopes to place Russians in this country in the same position as non-treaty nations, depriving them of extra-territorial privileges, thereby encouraging other nations to abandon these privileges.

FRONTER DEFENCES OF MONGOLIA.

CHINA STRENGTHENING THEM.

PEKING, Sept. 22.

The report that Chang Tsu-hin is moving troops towards Peking explained by the fact that Chang Cheng-hui, the newly appointed Tuchen of Chahar, is moving one division from Fengtien to strengthen the frontier defences of Mongolia in view of the Semenoff danger.

MISERLY MILLIONAIRE.

SERVANTS' REVENGE.

ORGANISED NIGHTLY ORGANISATIONS.

During the six months' absence in Switzerland of their employer, Major and Mrs. Aderholz, who are Berlin multi-millionaires, the housekeeper and seven servants held nightly orgies in the superbly equipped rooms of the Aderholz flat. The finest wines from the major's cellar were consumed and extravagant bills were run up at the shops where the major and his wife had credit. The flat was ransacked to provide food, linen, and ornaments. The servants were brought to trial and alleged as an excuse for their conduct the extraordinary miserliness of Mrs. Aderholz, which Major Aderholz himself largely confirmed.

Although the flat possesses four dining-rooms, the servants were frequently given only potato peelings for their breakfast. The major often shared this fare. When some of the servants, half-starved, left, the major was constantly obliged to collect the house refuse and carry it to a dustbin in the street. He was also frequently forced to scrub the floors of the 20-roomed flat.

It also appeared that proceedings are pending against Mrs. Aderholz for trying to smuggle German notes into Switzerland to benefit by the rate of exchange.

The court took the view that the servants' orgies were an act of revenge for their mistress's inexcusable treatment and lightened the sentences accordingly.

DR. MANNIX'S MOTHER.

PREPOSTEROUS IDEA!

GOVERNMENT'S OFFER TO HELP HER TO COME TO ENGLAND.

Asked in Parliament whether the Government would allow Dr. Mannix (the pro-Sinn Fein Archbishop of Melbourne) to visit Ireland to see his aged mother, the Prime Minister replied: "The answer is in the negative." The Government will, however, be prepared to give every assistance to Dr. Mannix's mother to visit him in England." (Laughter and cheers.) To a reporter who saw him at Nazareth House, Hammersmith, the Archbishop said: "The idea of my mother, who is of most advanced age, visiting me in this country is preposterous. She could not possibly travel, despite every facility the British Government may be inclined to offer."

"The statement that I intended to visit Ireland for personal reasons was not authorised by me. If I go to Ireland, I will be with all the freedom and liberties of a free citizen."

Dr. Mannix denied a rumour that he had been summoned to Rome by the Pope, adding: "It was my original intention to visit Rome at Christmas and to remain until January."

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Hongkong, September 18, 1920.

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Suite, Carpets and Rugs, Wall Plates,
and Several lots Chinese Porcelain,
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Desk, etc., by well-known local makers
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Des Voeux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street;

A Small Consignment of
WHITE GOODS, etc., etc.,
Comprising:

Pillow Cases, White Satin Quilts,
Turkish Towels, Bath Towels, Bath
Sheets, Double Bedsteads, Battings,
and Drawwork Bedspreads, Table
Covers, Crochet and Drawwork
Dollies, Table Cloths, Linen Damask
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AT A VALUATION.

It is of no earthly use to me, but it is mine, and because it is mine, I will fight and die sooner than lose it." Such an attitude might be debatable as regards its commonsense, but it is understandable. The man fights, not for the value of the thing at stake, but for a principle—the principle of ownership.

Does this excuse the attitude of part of the Press at Home towards the recent manifestations of the power of Labour in politics? Is the constitution "something that must be defended to the last gasp, either for its value, or for principle?

Let us try to examine this without prejudice as far as is humanly possible. Let us use the brains God made for use, and eschew merely partisan cries. We who are English are easily influenced, and strongly moved, by such remarks as *The Times* makes, about our racial abhorrence of tyranny in any shape. We actually believe that we do hate it, though our opposition has been of late neither consistent nor persistent enough to suit some of us who mean what we say.

We must be free

Or die

Who speak the tongue

That Shakespear spoke.

We tremble as we mouth those noble words. We thrill. We feel hot, so very English. We think the kings we have humbled, the nobles we have brought low, because they infringed upon their own principle. So precious is freedom to us, as an ideal, that we have put much blood and treasure on achieving it on others. Our devotion has not stalled, our breed has not died out. We are not wholly unworthy heirs of glorious sires. How is it that we, things like "Dora," so long its excuse has departed? Why do we submit to bureaucratic processes modelled after the Prussian? It is not because, though our hearts still burn, our heads are not? We more easily dabbled by chance than our forebears were. Virginian is the price of life, and we have relaxed our vigilance. Little by little our love for the Service State, and we notice it. Or we content

ourselves with idle yearning like Haydn Coffin's "Greek Slave."

Let me be free.

'Tis all and more than life to me,

I sigh, as sigh the blind to see;

Let me be free.

That may do in the case of a Greek slave, but an Englishman ought to be a size bigger than such sights. Freedom's battle, "bequeathed by bleeding sire to son," as Byron sang, implies a son who does not faint at the sight of blood. It certainly cannot conscript the shirkers who are too intellectually lazy to perceive the shackles-makers at work, or to take the trouble to take their tools away from them. Hope, for a season, bids the land farewell.

And Freedom shrieks, when Yellow Journals yell.

Careless freemen may be the worst of slaves—morally, much lower than slaves, for they are traitors to the most glorious tradition of a folk-free born, that it is their first and most sacred duty to transmit that freedom to their children. It is a trust. If we fail in it, we are like the vile creature who lets the enemy into a beleaguered fortress.

The Times reminds us that we should no more tolerate tyranny from a Labour Committee of National Security than we should from an unconstitutional Sovereign. We see what it is getting at, and we are obliged to ask ourselves, seriously, if recent Labour doings have amounted to tyranny. If we answer yes, we must fight it.

"The constitutionally expressed will of the majority should prevail," says *The Times*. For "will of the majority" is something that experience has taught us to accept as the true and only possible expression of our constitution; but perhaps there is a little room for debate about the "constitutional" expression of it. As a practical proposition, might we not claim that any effective demonstration of it should be and would be constitutional? The soul of the constitution itself, which is an elastic and unwritten one, is the will of the majority. If it isn't, what business has it to exist? It sometimes looks as if a minority would like to thwart the majority by binding it down to some undefined constitutionality, as *The Times* now does. Who stole Shakespeare's purse stole trash. He said so himself. This looks as if the Elizabethan drama did not pay well. It means for a certainty that his purse held so little that he did not mind very much the losing of it. But his "good name"—ah! that was different. Who robbed him of that was not enriched, but on flowing. We can see it coming. And we are not happy about it. If we could get some of it, we prefer the quiet life.

of these newspaper fellows to clear their minds of cant, we might persuade them that the "will of the majority" is the good name, and the constitutional procedure on which they set such store may be the wankle-purse, the "trash."

Any "constitutional practice" which, sequaciously adhered to, thwarts the will of the majority, is ipso facto unconstitutional. Its reason for being has gone.

The most conspicuous thing that the Labour Party has done lately was to stop the war with Russia that was being bureaucratically (and "constitutionally") contrived. They did it unconstitutionally by threats. *The Times* world call this "tyranny." But is it possible that we can tyrannise ourselves? The majority did not want war with Russia, or with anybody. Yet a minority would have prevailed, but for the tyranny, the unconstitutional tyranny, of the majority.

It was unconstitutional to behead King Charles, and it was unconstitutional to bring in William. It was unconstitutional of the barons to bully King John at Runnymead, yet some of us are rather pleased they did. *The Times* itself, especially during the war, when it was making and unmaking Premiers, was setting up an unconstitutional government, government by the Press, the newest form of tyranny. Who are the Pressmen that they should dictate, pontificate, and bully?"

The dear old Westminster Gazette joined in these parrot cries of unconstitutionalism; but it was shrewd enough to note that it is necessary to recognise "that the step taken by Labour is only on-stage in the playing fast and loose with constitutional practices in which the Executive itself has played a leading part."

Sure. Nothing surer. We fought and won the Great War on unconstitutional lines. "military necessity" making "constitutional practice" join the State Church on the back seat provided for it. Now—just as an academic postulate—may we not say that the need of commonsense is as least as valid an excuse as "military necessity"?

The present Gang Government poses as constitutional. In some ways it is constitutional. It is quite constitutional to retain Churchill as War Minister after all his lies and intrigues, and quite constitutional to give Herbert Samuel a kish job in Palestine. But the "will of the majority," awaiting its chance at a general election which is postponed to the last possible moment by the Gang, can never be expressed unconstitutionally? Desperate occasions require desperate measures.

In the ordinary constitutional way of society, one does not accost a lady without an introduction. A true Englishman, seeing a lady in imminent peril, does not go round about to seek an introduction before jumping to her aid. The journalist who presumed to tell you that the man saved her life without first waiting to be introduced, and was for that blameworthy, would try your patience, would he not?

The Times complains that "most British citizens know" as little of the Constitution as of the composition of the air they breathe, and we have a double reason for pointing out that *The Times* must be included in that "most." It admits that Parliament has ceased, especially since 1918, to be an effective custodian of popular right. It registered ministerial decrees with unfailing punctuality, acquiesced in ministerial extravagance, abdicated independence of judgment, and fell to a depth of impotence rarely reached by any British legislative assembly." Precisely. To that we respond, most heartily, "A Daniel come to judgment!" Then what on earth would *The Times* be at? Quis custodiet? Failing Parliament, who shall guard the constitution, *The Times* staff or the People? Labour has flouted a contemptible parliament, but we cannot see that it has done any hurt to that unwritten principle of Englishry we call the Constitution. The Constitution provides a parliament, not the parliament a constitution. It will provide another when the opportunity arrives. When things are as rotten in the state as *The Times* admits they are, and as we see them to be, we consider we are still constitutionally correct (and following precedent) when we recommend Direct Action. Not Direct Action by Labour alone, but Direct Action by all the people, by all patriots.

As regards the complaint that it is "unusual" to publish matter referring to discussions raised by another paper, it may be as well to state once for all that the *China Mail* has no respect for the usual. In fact, our chief glory is our unusualness. Anything that interests any considerable section of the public interest us; and we care not where we find it. For the stupid trick of pretending that no other newspaper exists except once in a while as a "contemporary"—we have no time to waste. There has been far too much "etiquette"—a hollow sham—and too little red meat about local journalism. Dignified rapidity is still rapidity, however dignified it may be; but lord, when the very cockroaches set out to be dignified, the thing becomes a farce. Let us be simply men—honest men if possible, but mainly."

As regards the Kowloon quarrel, we have not taken sides, for as we

Some of you run away with the said before, out of all these notes and letters it has been impossible to get the facts. We treated it as a joke, a storm in a teapot, and as such we still see it.

It is because we believe so roughly what *The Times* says, that the English people have even abhorred tyranny that we can set the thread wearing thin, and the sword (that "unconstitutional" sword) falling.

Locally you have a parallel to this old-womanish talk about "constitutional practice." Before the *China Mail* went on the war path, calling a spade a spade, and introducing the effective criticism which has been sojournerly dubbed "Bolshevistic" and the "New Journalism," the local Press adhered to what may be close analogy to be called "constitutional practice."

What did it achieve? What notice was taken of it? They smiled at its growth as at the growing of kittens. They knew it for what it was, a time-serving and mean thing, an ignorable quantity. Men spoke of it with contempt. Yet it was, by analogy, most decorously "constitutional." In the colloquial sense of the phrase, it "knew its place," and kept it. It was about as important to the public life of Hongkong as a deaf and dumb chapman at a Ball. We introduced what may be called, by analogy,

Persons seeking a grant of exclusive privileges for an invention in the F.M.S. will in future have to make a declaration as to their relations with our enemies during the year 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Montague Ede, Mr. and Mrs. George Grimble and Miss Doris Grimble and Professor and Miss E. Danenberg returned to the Colony, yesterday, from Japan by the "Katori Maru."

The Blue Funnel steamer "Terror" accomplished the voyage from Liverpool to Hongkong in 30 days.

Despite all expectations to the contrary the price of rice in Shanghai jumped to \$15 again on September 17.

Another group of delegates to the Sunday School Convention to be held in Tokyo arrived in the Colony yesterday by the ss. "Korea Maru."

The Inspector said that the defendants had no business on board, as they were not employed by the stevedore. Even had they been the stevedore's men, said the Inspector, they had no right to be in the hold at that time.

The foreman coolie deposed to the defendants in the hold. They were not his men, who knocked off work until 1.30.

The Police are taking measures to forbid rice profiteering in Peking to keep down the price of foodstuffs. Dealers in foodstuffs will be liable to punishment, should they be found raising the price of rice and other foodstuffs to an abnormal height and taking advantage of the present famine in the Northern provinces.

A Manila message, dated September 4, states—The council of state has decided to deport 3,000 Chinese who are alleged to have illegally entered the province of Mindanao from Borneo, and to be engaged in smuggling. The labour organizations will protest against the admission of Chinese contract immigrants.

Influenza has again struck Japan. Seven hundred cases have already been reported in Hiroshima. The "Chugai Shogyo" quotes the Tokyo police authorities as saying every preventive measure is now being taken in order to minimize the disease, that the use of masks will be encouraged and that, if necessary, theatres and motion picture houses will be closed.

Capt. Gardner of the "Katong" has joined the Pilot service in Singapore. Captains formerly on the Bangkok run have always been well represented in the Singapore pilotage, says the Bangkok Times. The late Captains Gray and T. Robinson were old hands here, both of them in turn commanding the "Singapore" before becoming pilots. Captain Shepherd later on was in charge of the same vessel and then joined the Pilot service. Next came Captain Rushton, and now the master of the "Katong."

Kokusai, in forwarding one of its own telegrams, says that the news it contains is of no import whatever, says the Japan Chronicle. The news was to the effect that thirty Japanese warships had appeared in St. Vladimir Bay, on the Maritime Province of Siberia. The explanation is that they are merely on manoeuvre and that they will be transported from Tientsin. There are already 11 Dennis Turbine fire engines in use by the brigades of Shanghai (International and City), Tientsin, Hankow and the Peking-Pukow railway. The three belonging to the Shanghai City brigade are the first motor fire engines to be imported into China proper and they are operated exclusively by Chinese firemen.

The first Dennis lorry consigned to the Hongkong agents, Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., arrived this week and Sir Raymond would have had the gratification of seeing a Dennis charabanc in the streets of Peking—the first to be imported into China—but for the fact that the congested state of the railway prevented it from being transported from Tientsin.

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Replies to the Magistrate, the witness said that as soon as they got down the hold together, witness saw the defendants in the hold. Two of them, as soon as they saw witness and the second officer, tried to escape. Witness had to drag one of them down from half way up the ladder.

Continuing, the witness said that when he had finished his work, he set for the second officer and they sat down the hold together. Witness saw the defendants in the hold. Two of them, as soon as they saw witness and the second officer, tried to escape. Witness had to drag one of them down from half way up the ladder.

Replies to the Magistrate, the witness said that as soon as they got down the hold, the defendants scattered. They were originally crowded around a case of cargo.

Witness could not see what they were doing.

Mr. Angus Shaw, the Second Officer, gave corroborative evidence. He said that no cargo coolie had the right to be in the hold between the hours of 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. The case of cloth which witness found half empty, was intact at 12.30 when the stevedore's men knocked off work. Witness knew because he was in the hold at the time, and saw that particular case. The cover had been left open, and the tin lining torn with a cargo hook.

Replying to the Magistrate, the defendants said that they went on board as odd job coolies. They were engaged by another foreman coolie, who told them to await him at the stern of the ship. They could not find the man now.

The Magistrate decided to convict.

The Inspector said that while none of the defendants had any previous convictions recorded against them he believed they were members of a gang of rogues who had lately been operating in the harbour, stealing from every ship which came into port. Had it not been for the fact that the ship was sailing soon, he would have asked the Magistrate to commit the defendants to the Criminal Sessions.

The Magistrate remarked that that would have been rather drastic.

The Inspector said that that night was so, but the offence was a serious one. Besides, cargo broaching had become so common lately that drastic measures would have to be taken if thefts were to be stopped. He would ask for a heavy penalty.

Addressing the defendants, the Magistrate said that the offence would not have been so serious if the defendants had been working separately, but the fact that they had conspired jointly to rob the ship, put them in a very serious position and made them liable to a heavy penalty if they were committed for trial at the Sessions. He sentenced the defendants to six months' hard labour each.

ANOTHER CONVICTION.

Another Chinese who was charged by Inspector Spears with the theft of four pieces of underwear from the ss. "Benavon," pleaded guilty.

The Inspector said that the defendant was arrested in Canton Road yesterday by a Chinese detective whose suspicion were aroused by a bulge in the defendant's coat. When charged at the station, the defendant said that he took the cloth from the ss. "Benavon." He was taken on board the ship, where the clothing was identified as part of the ship's cargo, a case of which had been taken open, and a large quantity stolen.

Sentence of two months' hard labour was passed.

Lient. F. Wardle of the 22nd Punjab committed suicide in Bom Bay in extraordinary circumstances. He was due to go home for demobilisation, and was staying in Bombay awaiting a berth. It appears that he had been depressed at the thought of returning to England. Late at night he engaged a taxi and drove round the city. In the centre of the town the taxi driver heard a report and found the officer unconscious, shot through the throat. Death must have been instantaneous. The officer who shaved the deceased's beard said that the deceased had taken more drink than was advisable but could not be described as drunk.

At the inquest it was shown that the deceased had taken more drink than was advisable but could not be described as drunk.

Begins August 15. WALLA WALLA BOATS will call on all ships flying the call flag "ZED."

A correspondent writes from Shamen:

A football match was played at the Shamen Recreation ground between teams representing H.M.S. "Tarantula" and the Customs Recreation Club on Tuesday last.

The "Tarantula" team won by 10-2, scoring 6 goals in the first half and 4 goals in the second half.

After avenging it two previous defeats by the Boys Own Club (1-0, and 4-1) by winning the 3rd game 3-0, it was certainly not expected that the Customs team would be so severely beaten. The high score against the Customs team was however hardly a fair criterion of the game. Luck was against the boys of the Customs Service. They missed several splendid opportunities to score. Judging by the rattling good game they turned up, the writer has no doubt that when next the two teams meet, the Customs team will give a much better account of themselves.

SHAMEN SPORT.

FOOTBALL MATCH.

TARANTULA BEATS THE CUSTOMS.

A correspondent writes from Shamen:

A collision occurred in Queen's Road, opposite the Soldiers' Club, yesterday, between motor car No. 234 and train car No. 96. Both vehicles were in motion at the time, and the force of the impact had the

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ORGANISED GANGS AT WORK.

MANY SENTENCES FOR EIGHT MEN.

INSPECTOR SPEARS.

CAR COLLIDES WITH TEAM.

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We are now showing a big assortment of Ties in the very latest patterns and plain colours. Rich fancy silks, plain Crepe-de-chine or Barathea silks and Irish Poplins for Bows or Knots. There is such a quantity of New Ties, that the selection of correct neckwear is merely a matter of satisfying your personal desire.

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IMPORTED PASSION:

METHODS OF NOVELISTS:

"THE PUNKHS PUNKED."

ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

GIRL "CYCLISTS" ATTEMPT.

FOILED BY AN ACCIDENT.

Passion—rich and purple—is the mainstay of so many novels nowadays—at any rate, of those that appear in cheap editions, and festoon the bookstalls at railway stations.

But according to them, passion doesn't grow in England; it has to be imported. Directly it happens in England, it mechanically becomes love (true or false), affection, devotion; but that fierce thing, the throb and a ton-ton in Africa, staged in Egypt, and, or all ends Russia, a scene of East-brace flounce for a moment at the familiar Egyptian brand. Above our heads is the sky, "of a deeper, intense blue than she had ever seen in England, and the moon hung like a great lamp," etc. Under her feet, the golden sand of the desert; the sphinx was somewhere handy, bet your life—that inscrutable colossus, half beast, half woman, veiling its eternal secret.

The heroine is no longer a girl, but a woman, pale and proud; she is beautiful, but a little hard, and the burnt-out delights of her normal life in England are but ashes in her mouth.

The hero glides noiselessly upon the scene, clad mainly in a burnous and incrustable; he is an Arab, of course, and the heroine is always half fascinated, half repelled by his inscrutable cruelty.

One burning tropical night, full of glamour and magic and witchery, the great scene occurs. The sphinx, mysterious and incrustable as ever, broods over them; if only the sphinx would just once spit upon the sand, to express its contempt for Arab love!

"Somewhere in the distance could be heard the monotonous throb of —" (whatever happens to be the musical instrument peculiar to the locality; it is usually some form of savage tribal drum; but the same effect could easily be obtained by a massed band of Jew's harps).

The music gets into the woman's blood . . . and the rest is done mainly by means of dots, dashes, stars, and then some curiously detached statement about nature, such as: "And the night wind sighs in the palm-trees . . ." From which our discreet author would evidently have us gather that the lady yielded.

In the novelist's South Africa, the whole business is more solid. There is a great deal about the parched veldt; outspanning and inspanning occur with monotonous regularity; people trek from kopje to kopje when they are not lying exhausted on the sterile stoep, and the air is dark with cracking sjamboks.

A woman stood at the threshold of the farm, shading her eyes from the fierce heat of the African sun . . . (it's always an African sun in Africa, strangely enough). The sky was of a deeper, intense blue than she had ever seen in England, . . . which perhaps accounts for the fact that the top button of her blouse or even the next button is always undone.

She is a fine, deep-bosomed woman with a mouth like a scarlet pomegranate, and she had come out to South Africa full of illusions that had quickly "withered" under the fierce heat of the African sun upon that torrid arid land. A single horseman zigzagged slowly towards her, across the arid veldt. They never seem to come much closer to each other than that . . .

I don't know much about Russian passion except that it is very fierce and elemental, and the hero calls the heroine "Domnitsa"—and then more softly still—"Doushkovka"—or

KOWLOON'S NOISES.

To the Editor of the "China Mail".

HONG KONG Sept. 22, 1920.

CORRESPONDENCE

HONG KONG TELEGRAPH FUND.

To the Editor of the "China Mail".

Dear Sir.—The Committee of the above Fund will do their best to help you with your valuable letter in your valuable issue, and at the same time desire to express its thanks for the past favours you have accorded in publishing the statements and letters of appreciation from some of our gallant lads at the front, who participated in the achievement of Hong Kong's efforts to "sooth their hardships."

The Fund after 8 years' existence has just closed with a balance of \$600 in hand, which was a refund by the British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. as it was unable to utilize the money, the proceeds for which it was intended being demobilized. It has been decided to appropriate this sum amongst the local Naval and Military services.

Great satisfaction is felt by the Committee, with the result of its operations, \$32,351.87 having been raised, and over 9,000,000 cigarettes and 200 of tobacco distributed, and it is hoped that all those who contributed, and others, are equally

with what has been achieved.

It is the desire of the Committee to express its hearty thanks to Mr. Barker for founding

the Kowloon Fund, and for

the kindly help and advice he has

ungrudgingly given.

All the original contributors

and subscribers who kept the Fund

alive, and helped to swell it to its

final magnitude, and especially those

who gave their names and thereby

depicted themselves.

Mr. D. W. Caddick and the late

Mr. G. B. Sayer for respectively

acting on the origin of the Fund as

its Treasurers and Secretaries and

for the excellent work done, and the

financial assistance given by them

respectively.

Mr. W. A. Dowley for undertaking

and so ably performing the duties of

Secretary and Treasurer from July

1918 up to date. Also for organizing

a very successful canvassing

scheme whereby the Fund benefited

immensely.

Mr. A. Jenkins for his very val-

uable services in taking charge of

and keeping the books and accounts of

the Fund, and attending to the

correspondence and rendering full

information to the Committee.

The British American Tobacco Co.

Ltd. for the special low prices charged

for the cigarettes and tobacco,

the great courtesy and consideration

accorded to the Committee, and

promptly carrying out the deliveries

and distributing the cigarettes and

tobacco to the troops-free-of-charge.

And last but not least the following

adies who devoted much time and

zeal in canvassing for the good of

the Fund: Mrs. Pentroath, Mrs.

Arthur, Mrs. Shenton, and Miss

Caddick.

This would be a Let Down for

somebody.

With regard to the Sick Gentle-

man, who was distracted by

noise, I consider your Friend's remark

is out of place. Does he wish

to insinuate that these "Smart

Bhays" would not cease when he

knew that somebody near by was ill?

If so, I must call upon one of you

to prove it. If not why does he

mention the fact?

What right have you to say that

the letters published by the "China

Mail" are nonsensical in the extreme?

You don't purely think the Paper is

only printed for you to read. No,

my dear Fellow, you should have

said "I consider so, I think."

I would like to ask the Readers of

the "China Mail" this question.

Are the letters which have been

published on this matter by the

"China Mail" any more "Numerous

than the Kowloon Notes by Perry-

man?

Now, Readers, it is up to you and

before I close I wish to challenge

you Mr. Ferryman to take further

steps, because you state that you

have heard that the noise has

quietened down.

I dispute this statement, for I know

that these Concerts have been

carried on just the same—in fact

more frequently—and No Complaints

have been received. Strange isn't it?

I hope the Person who informed

you will see these few lines, unless

he has given the "Smart Bhays"

Beat, and wishes to let the matter

drop.

THEATRE-ROYAL

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SEASIDE.

ANOTHER DELIGHTFUL COMEDY.

The Bandman Comedy Co. have another gratifying success to report in "General Post," a brilliant comedy, full of fun and mirth, which they presented in a windswept audience in the Theatre Royal last night.

Carrie and William are a young couple, and who happen out to be useful data might be obtained for the Kowloon Residents' Association.

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COUNTING THE PEOPLE

THE NEXT CENSUS.

TREMENDOUS PIECE OF WORK.

A Bill is before Parliament in connection with the census, which will be taken on the last Sunday in April of next year. Counting the people is a tremendous piece of work and is reckoned to cost a cool half-million. An army of forty thousand people will be employed for one week, each enumerator being responsible for about fifteen hundred people, says the *Daily Mail*.

These will distribute about eight and a half million forms, for printing which between four and five thousand reams of paper will be required.

These reams, if piled in a single stack would reach to a height of 750 ft., or rather more than double that of the cross on top of St. Paul's, and their weight will exceed 250 tons.

The forms are sent from headquarters to the various registrars all over the kingdom, of whom there are in all rather more than two thousand.

The returns will be sent to the

enumerators and rectified forms to the

when filled in. The forms are re-

turned to headquarters in London, and there the staff check them.

The checking is done by means of the large ordnance maps, which are on the scale of 25 inches to the mile and which show every house in the Kingdom, inhabited or empty.

The head census staff numbers about 200, and their work will keep them busy not for a week merely but for several years. All the various statistics have to be boiled down for publication. The staff are aided in their work by electrically propelled tabulating machines. Like so many of these ingenious automatic calculators, the census machine is an American invention.

It must not be supposed that a census is taken merely for the sake of satisfying public curiosity as to how many people there are in the British Isles.

The facts and figures recorded each ten years are of immense value to those responsible for the administration of the country.

It is most important to know exactly how many people there are in each separate industry, whether people are flocking from the country into the towns, and in what places population is respectively increasing or decreasing.

The first Bill for taking a census was brought in by Mr. Thomas Paine in 1753 but met with savage opposition. It was said that it would be used as a basis for new taxation or conscription. In the event the Bill was defeated, and it was not until the year 1801 that the first census was actually taken.

Since then a census has been taken every ten years, but it seems likely that in future we shall have a five-year census and a permanent Census Department.

SHOCKED-THE LORDS.

GILBERTIAN EPISODE.

DESIGNER OF TITANIC AND HIS LOST BIKES.

The interruption in the House of Lords on August 9 when the Right Hon. Alexander M. Carlisle shouted the remark during the consideration of the Irish Bill, "My lords, if you pass this Bill you may kill England, not Ireland," is developing into a Gilbertian episode.

The next night it was gravely decided that Lord Curzon should write Mr. Carlisle a letter to give him an opportunity of explaining, and, if he thinks fit of tendering an ample apology to the House.

Friends of Mr. Carlisle, the tall, clear-complexioned athletic giant of 66, who designed the "Titanic" and whose knowledge of affairs and men extends from high-class finance to ship riveters, who prefers a push-bike to get up from Chelsea to the Bank rather than a limousine, are wondering what he will look like when the maid hands in Lord Curzon's letter.

An *Evening Standard* representative who interviewed him found him in a mood of misery despair, but not about the Lords.

"Have I received the letter? No, I haven't. I shall be delighted to receive it."

"Shall I apologize? Ah, I shan't tell you that yet. But oh, man, I've had a loss—my bicycle."

"Stolen. Left it outside the bank, and, would you believe it, some thief actually cut the chain and bolted with it. That's the third. One was stolen in Piccadilly, the second outside an hotel, and now the third has gone."

"So I must get a fourth."

"How did I get into the House? Now, how would you just walk in. But I've a board meeting, can't stop now. It's an awful shame, man, about that bike."

And he was gone.

RHEUMATISM.

IF ANYONE ever tried Chamberlain's Pair Balsam for rheumatism? If you are wading that, as the longer you leave it on the balsam, it is to cure. Get a bottle to-day, apply it with a visor, in case to the affected parts and you will be surprised and delighted at the relief obtained. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

VANISHING COAL EXPORTS.

REALITY OF CHINESE MENACE.

HOME COAL EXPORTER'S VIEWS.

A good deal has recently been published regarding the almost infinite coal resources of China, and the bid that Chinese coal is now making for the European markets.

Bureau of the Chinese Trust Company of New York, which are placed at our disposal.

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WHAT DOES YOUR MIRROR REVEAL?

When a growing girl becomes pale, complexion sallow, dizzy spells, headaches and stomach trouble she should know that these are evidences of anaemia or bloodlessness. A change in the mirror will tell the story. There is immediate need for a tonic which will so completely restore the disease qualities to the blood that will fight hard to retain and expand them and the present tendency of falling freights will assist these far-distant countries. As far as Australia and the United States are concerned, they have problems similar to our own, in that there is a great demand by home manufacturers for coal and the amount available for export is limited, but as yet China has not this question to face in any marked degree. Development in the coal areas there is proceeding apace and if we do not wake up here we will find China gradually but surely depriving us permanently of some of our best markets. South Africa is another country where the home demand is not heavy, and considerable quantities of South African coal have already been shipped to Italy and Egypt. Orders for fresh plant have recently been given that by the end of 1921 will increase the annual production by over 2,000,000 tons, most of which will be available for export. I think from these few facts that it is fairly apparent that these invasions on our coal markets are no mere "flash in the pan." One of the most distressing features of the whole thing from our point of view is the virtual suppression of shipments to South America and Spain, for, as we are still heavily importing iron ore from Spain and grain and meat from the Argentine, the inability of our ships to obtain outward cargoes is responsible in a considerable measure for the high prices of the imports from those countries, the household voyage having to bear the cost of the outward and return journeys. This means, of course, that the consumer in this country has to pay more for these imported commodities. Just now the miners have decided to ballot as to whether they will strike for a share of the surplus £26,000,000 almost entirely made out of the export trade. It looks to me as if, unless output is increased, this matter would at some time solve itself by there being precious few coal exports to make any profit on."

STARTLING SKIRTS.

PARIS FASHIONS.

SHOCKS TO AMERICAN BUYERS.

The shortness of the skirts and the height of the prices gave American buyers a shock, the other day, states an announcement from Paris. They were witnessing the first display of Paris winter fashions. Contrary to expectations they discovered that skirts were shorter and tighter than ever. The only part of the gowns which had not shrunk was the neck covering. Collars were cut high, even on evening dresses which have no back. The most substantial part of the very broad "V" of the back was a string of pearls. The most startling skirt of all consisted of only a front panel and a back panel. Though these panels overlap they were stitched together only part of the way down. It was apparently an effort on the part of the skirt to compete with the absence of corset.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 23d SEPTEMBER, 1920.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS

11 A.M.

BANKS

STERLING EXCHANGE 4/3 T.T.

HONGKONG BANKS ... \$202.50

EAST ASIA BANK ... 116.00

MAINE INSURANCE

Canton Insurance ... 37.0

North China Insurance ... 153.0

Union Insurance ... 165.0

Yangtze Insurance ... 22.0

Far Eastern ... 20.0

FIRE INSURANCES

China Fire Insurance ... 128.0

Hongkong Fire Insurance ... 316.00

SHIPPING

Dowglass ... 6.50

H. & Steinborts ... 352.00

Indo-China (Pref.) ... 318.00

Do. (Del.) ... 305.00

Shell transports ... 165.00

Star Ferries ... 324.00

RENTALS

China Fairs ... 121.00

Malibon Fairs ... 355.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Kalan Mining Adm. ... 110.00

Largest ... 151.00

Shanghae Leases ... 151.00

The Explorations

Do. ... 10.00

Tin Mines ... 27.00

Ural Carpets ... 20.00

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H. & W. Wharf ... 854.00

B. & W. Docks ... 812.00

Sea Docks ... 712.00

New Engineering

Wire ... 27.00

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS

Central Estates ... 812.00

Hongkong Hotels ... 814.00

Hongkong Lands ... 115.00

Humphreys ... 88.00

Kowloon Lands ... 857.00

Land Reclamations ... 814.00

West Points ... 852.00

Corporation ... 122.00

Evo Cottages ... 150.00

King Yip ... 12.00

Lee King Mews ... 15.00

Oriental ... 153.00

Shanghai Cottages ... 270.00

Yangtzeopole ... 30.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Cements ... 83.25

China-Borneo ... 10.00

China Lights: Old 71.00 & New 45.00

China Provinces ... 87.00

China Farms ... 820.00

H. K. Electric ... 816.00

Do. ... 10.00

Hongkong Buses ... 122.00

Hongkong Tramways ... 37.00

Peak Tramways (Old) ... 81.00

Do. (New) ... 80.50

Steam Laundry ... 54.00

H. K. Steel Foundry ... 710.00

Water-boats ... 814.00

Wabons ... 818.00

W. Powells ... 818.00

Wiseards ... 818.00

SPECIAL CARS

as on Week Days

NIGHT CARS

as on Week Days

SUNDAYS

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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30 1920

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WEATHER REPORT.

Sept. 23rd. 114 mm. No return from Japan and Indo-China. Pressure has decreased considerably at Vladivostock, and increased moderately at Weihaiwei; other changes are slight. The typhoon of the China Sea has entered the coast and is filling up; the typhoon of the Pacific is situated in Lat. 36° N. Long. 135° E., moving W.N.W.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. today 1.58 inches total since January 1st 92.73 inches against an average of 73.73 inches.

Forecast for 24 hours ending at noon on September 29th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock E. and N.E. fresh to cloudy, occasional rain.

2.—Former Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Shantou and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1920. — a.m.

Station	Hour	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Pressure
Vladivostok	8.30	57	—	0	—
Susono	5.5	—	—	—	—
Yakutat	—	—	—	—	—
Kotka	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—
Kyushu	—	—	—	—	—
Okinawa	—	—	—	—	—
Takao	—	—	—	—	—
Wakayama	6.30	58	84	NW 2	—
Osaka	7.30	58	81	NW 2	—
Yokohama	7.30	58	81	NW 2	—
Hankow	7.30	58	81	NW 2	—
Shanghai	7.30	58	81	NW 2	—
Sandy	6.30	58	75	NW 4	—
Takao	—	58	87	E 4	—
Takao	—	58	85	NW 2	—
Taiwan	—	58	83	E 2	—
Kuching	—	58	85	NW 4	—
Padoa	—	58	85	NW 4	—
Canton	—	58	85	NW 4	—
Hongkong	—	58	84	E 3 (op)	—
Gap Rock	—	58	81	NW 4	—
Macao	—	58	81	NW 4	—
Wuchow	9.30	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow	—	—	—	—	—
Phuket	—	—	—	—	—
Tourane	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	—	—	—	—	—
Porto	—	—	—	—	—
Davao	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—
Legaspi	—	—	—	—	—
Tacloban	—	—	—	—	—
Udol	—	58	72	NW 2	—
Surigao	—	58	72	NW 2	—
Guam	—	58	72	NW 2	—
Labuan	—	58	76	NW 1	—

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
Hongkong Observatory, Sept. 29, 1920.
1. BAROMETER reduced to 22 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale.
6. SEA STATE, WHETHER a bine sky, a dead calm, cloud, drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hail, lightning, overcast passing showers, squally rain, snow, thunder & visibility w/dew, wet & hazy.
7. RAIN in inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1905-6.

The zero of the table corresponds with the set of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart which has been found to be 4 feet below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 2 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

September 24 to 30, 1920.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Sept. 24	6.30	58.84	12.30	58.84
25	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84
26	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84
27	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84
28	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84
29	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84
30	7.30	58.84	13.30	58.84

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Proportion	On date	On date
	at 5 p.m.	6 a.m.	5 p.m.
Barometer	29.80	29.84	29.80
Temperature	64	65	64
Humidity	74	71	75
Direction of Wind	—	—	—
Force	4	3	4
Weather	—	Op	—
Rain	0.18	0.00	0.73

Mean open air temperature on the 2nd 28. Above open air temperature on the 2nd 28.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS
PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

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AMERICAN PORTS.

VANCOUVER.

Sept. 29. W. L. West Ivan.

29. W. L. Eastern Mariner.

29. W. S. Arctic Maru.

29. W. S. Maquin.

Oct. 10. W. L. Mobile Dollar.

29. C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.

29. D. L. Harley Dollar.

29. C. P. O. S. Monteale.

29. C. P. O. S. Empress of Russia.

31. C. P. O. S. Monteale.

31. C. P. O. S. Empress of Asia.

31. C. P. O. S. Empress of Japan.

Feb. 10. W. L. Empress of Russia.

29. W. L. Empress of Russia.

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